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SUMMARY: ON THIS ISSUE BRITISH LIKELY TO PROVE BETTER
FOLLOWERS THAN LEADERS. END SUMMARY

1. REFTELS CROSSED. IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER, HOWEVER,
THAT BRITISH HAVE AT NO TIME INDICATED THEY WERE EAGER
TO GET OUT AHEAD OF US ON UNFICYP REDUCTIONS. THEY
REGULARLY GO ALONG WITH OUR LEAD PRIMARILY BECAUSE THEY
DO NOT WANT TO BE OUT OF STEP WITH US. ECONOMIES WE MAY
SEE IN REDUCTION ARE LESS IMPORTANT TO BRITISH, WHOSE
CONTRIBUTION IS OF COURSE SMALLER AND MAINLY IN KIND.

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2. AT THIS JUNCTURE BRITISH ARE A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT BREAKDOWN IN INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, ATHENS-NICOSIA RIVALRY, AND SIGNS OF GROWING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY OVER AEGEAN WHICH MIGHT ALSO AFFECT CYPRUS.

3. ANOTHER FACTOR BY END OF SUMMER MIGHT BE A DECISION TO PHASE DOWN BRITISH MILITARY PRESENCE IN CYPRUS SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS AS RESULT OF OVERALL MILITARY REVIEW BEING UNDERTAKEN BY NEW GOVERNMENT. SHOULD BRITISH TROOPS WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY BE USED TO PROTECT WESTERN LIVES AND INTERESTS IN CASE OF RENEWED FIGHTING BE SCALED DOWN, HMG MINISTERS WOULD LIKELY BE ATTRACTED BY LARGER RATHER THAN SMALLER UNFICYP.

4. THESE FACTORS ARGUE AGAINST OUR EXPECTING UK IDEAS FOR REDUCTIONS (PER STATE 097818, NOT REPEATED INFO ADDRESSEES). RATHER, BRITISH CAN BE EXPECTED TO PATTERN THEIR RESPONSE TO URGENCY WITH WHICH WE (AND ANY OTHER, LIKE-MINDED CONTRIBUTORS) PUSH THE PACE. THEIR SUGGESTION THAT WE LIMIT EFFORTS IN MAY 29 MEETING TO KEEPING SYG'S FUTURE OPTIONS OPEN (LONDON REFTTEL) DERIVES FROM THIS ATTITUDE. SHOULD USG WANT TO MOVE FASTER, WE SHALL HAVE TO TAKE THE LEAD.

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